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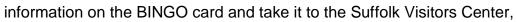
Celebrating Our Independents!

SUFFOLK, Virginia (June 26, 2013) The City of Suffolk declares the week of July 1-7 Independents Week. It's a time to reflect on the importance of celebrating the nation's locally-owned independent businesses and the stake each citizen has in shaping their hometown's future. Downtown Suffolk's merchants, restaurants, galleries, museums and venues have



joined together to help celebrate by offering in-store promotions, specials, and dining incentives. Our citizens are integral to ensuring we keep these businesses that help define who we are and contribute to our sense of place.

Suffolk residents can participate in Independents Week by visiting a locally-owned business to receive a BINGO card or you can download one on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LoveLocalBuySuffolk. Make a purchase and have each business you visit mark it on your card. Once you have five in a row, fill out your



524 North Main Street. You will automatically be entered into a drawing for a chance to win some fantastic prizes. Winners will be drawn and notified the week following "Celebrate Our Independents Week".

"Celebrate Our Independents" participants include: All About Virginia & More, Amici's Italian Restaurant, As Time Goes By Antiques, Baron's Pub, Brandon House Furniture, C3 Vino, C-Fit Studio, Embroidery Etc., Grafik Trenz, Hobby Game & Sports Station, Holland's Country Gourmet, Jester's Gallery Shop, Mosaic by Holland's, N'Dulge Eclectic Soul Cuisine, Planter's Peanut Center, Richardson & Nash, Riddick's Folly Museum & Gift Shop, Seaboard Station Railroad Museum & Gift Shop, Serendipity Salon, Shooting Star Gallery, Suffolk Art Gallery, Suffolk Visitor Center & Gift Shop, The Plaid Turnip and The Second Floor.

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